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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION ON RHODESIA
ISSUED BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF
THEIR JANUARY 31 POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING IN LONDON:

"THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE COUNTRIES OF
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, RECALL THEIR STATEMENT OF 18

OCTOBER LAST, IN WHICH THEY WELCOMED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA IN GENEVA. THEY EXPRESS THEIR DEEP CONCERN THAT MR. SMITH'S REJECTION OF 24 JANUARY OF BRITISH SUGGESTIONS FOR A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, HAS FOR THE TIME BEING JEOPARDIZED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTEMPT TO FIND AN AGREED BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. THEY DEPLORE THE IRRESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME.

THEY APPEAL SOLEMNLY TO ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT DESIGNED TO BRING ABOUT A RAPID AND ORDERLY TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE.

THEY FORMALLY DECLARE THAT THE REGIME CANNOT EXPECT ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE NINE. ON THE CONTRARY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE CONFIRM THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO SANCTIONS. " END TEXT

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